



March 19, 2020

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Outer Banks



This Sunday's Service



Online Sunday Service
Sunday, March 22 10:30 am
Rev. David Morris "I Am Only One"

A community is more than the sum of its individuals. Each of us has a part to play in any great effort or in

any community, but when we come together something happens that can't be reduced to its component parts again. Whatever the endeavor, every individual is needed—and we are greater together.

Join us for this first Online Sunday Service! Our service will be accessible electronically via Zoom, an electronic meeting and conference platform. To join the service, all you'll need to do is turn on your computer (a little early!), and click on this link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/480498342>

More detailed information about how to join will follow soon.

Rev. David's Quote of the Week

Micky ScottBey Jones is an author, speaker & facilitator and the Director of Healing & Resilience Initiatives with the Southern-based collective Faith Matters Network and an Associate Fellow of Racial Justice with Evangelicals for Social Action. She shares this poem:

Together we will create *brave space*.
Because there is no such thing as a "safe space"
We exist in the real world.
We all carry scars and we have all caused wounds.
In this space
We seek to turn down the volume of the outside world,
We amplify voices that fight to be heard elsewhere,
We call each other to more truth and love.
We have the right to start somewhere and continue to grow. We have the responsibility to examine what we think we know. We will not be perfect.
is space will not be perfect.
It will not always be what we wish it to be.
But
It will be *our brave space together*,
and
We will work on it side by side.

As we all enter a time of learning to create spiritual community without in-person gatherings, in a difficult time for our nation and the whole world, may we each and all support each other in creating "brave space" together. Blessings and love to all of us.

News & Notes



A Sorrow: The UUCOB Meetinghouse buildings are closed to all activities (with the exception of the two twelve-step groups who meet there each week). **A Joy:** This decision to social-distance helps to keep our UUCOB members and friends and the community safe and healthy.



Our Annual Pledge Drive, scheduled to begin this Sunday, is being postponed until the end of April. It's our feeling that with the economy struggling due to the global health emergency, it would be better to wait for a time when there is less uncertainty and volatility.

EVENTS CANCELLED

Cultural Crossroads Events for March and April are cancelled.



UU the Vote! Now more than ever, making sure that all people have access to voting and that voter registration and participation is as high as possible is vital for the future of our nation. Even during the Covid-19 health emergency, there are things we can do! Forward Together, the UU Justice Ministry of NC, is connecting congregational leaders across the state to prepare for voter registration and participation drives throughout the months leading up to the November election. Our congregation's team is keeping up with this effort. We'll let you know what we learn! If you'd like to know more, please contact Gaye Morris.

Virtual Poetry Slam

A note from Susan Pfaff: In the coming weeks, with so little happening in our community, I expect to have available space in our newsletter. If you are so inclined, please send a short favorite poem, *original or not*, a inspiring quote, *famous or not*, or words of humor or joy to fill this space. I will collect them and publish one or two each week. **Send submissions to: susanatuucob@gmail.com**

Rev. David gives us a little cheer to start us off with a sweet tweet from Sandra Boynton:



March Share-the-Plate



Children & Youth Partnership for Dare County
CYP's Family Literacy Program, formerly part of *Mano al Hermano*, serves the Latinx community in Dare County providing home-based tutoring and family support.

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